

SENATOR MARVEL: Thank you, Sir. Mr. President, if I can make a remark or two. I think that I would support the Mills' amendment and then support the resolution which is I understand it would allow the Ag Committee to proceed to gather facts. I would suggest to the chairman of the Ag Committee who is the author of this resolution that he also check with Senator Warner and the staff of the Appropriations Committee and he will find in the process that there has been quite a little study done in this area. The danger I see unless we gather all kinds of information that we can, that we're going to be seduced by... that's what I said... by those people who think that we can build a veterinary college on East Campus for \$15 or \$20 million. That's ridiculous. If we go into this area, it's going to cost us \$60, \$75 million. I assume that Senator Schmit in his desire for information will continue to get as much accurate and adequate information as possible so that we don't get ourselves painted into a corner where we agree to something at a certain cost and we find that that cost is about 1/10 to 1/3 of what it would be otherwise. I support the Mills' amendment as I understand it which will ask for additional information will not hamper the hearing that the Ag Committee will propose to hold and that the Ag Committee at the same time will gather all the information that is available and specifically in the area of appropriations where this has been addressed for a number of years.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I will overlook some of Senator Marvel's choice of words and not take issue with them. I'm sure he made them in the proper vein, but I'd like to suggest that he has touched upon a number of important issues in a very short period of time. This committee and this Legislature is not inclined at this time, I'm sure, to recommend a construction of a college of veterinary medicine without substantial more information than we have at the present time. We are all aware of the shortage of funds that exist in state government today and none of us are at all anxious to proceed to invest what may be millions and millions of dollars in the construction of a facility without adequate and substantial proof that that facility is absolutely necessary to health and welfare of the livestock industry and eventually of the people of Nebraska. So therefore it's imperative that we do conduct additional hearings and that additional information and that all available information be brought before this Legislature and be brought to the Appropriations Committee in order that we know before we get into something what we are doing. I would have to agree again with what Senator Kremer said and what Senator Marvel implied, that we do not really need to expect the Governors of the other states to convey to us their feelings. I think it's all right for us to visit with other Legislatures and to contact the other members of those bodies, but our Governor is our representative and I feel that it would be an affront to him if we asked the other Governors to contact us directly. I do not think it is necessary. I do not think it is desirable and I do not think it would be in the best interest of resolving the problem. So I would have to oppose the Mills' amendment and I would hope that you would then eventually support the entire resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills, would you close debate please?